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SUBJECT: ABC-TV QUERY ON SIXTH FLEET FUEL RESOURCES

REF: COMFAIRMED DTG 131342Z NOV (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCED MESSAGE, WHICH EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT SECURE FROM NAVY CHINFO, OUTLINES QUESTIONS RAISED BY LOCAL ABC-TV BUREAU CHIEF ON CURRENT SIXTH FLEET FUELING SITUATION. AMONG THEM ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ONES CONCERNING ITALIAN ROLE IN REFUELING OPERATIONS AGAINST

BACKDROP OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. OUR STRONG PREFERENCE IS THAT NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE CURRENT ITALIAN ROLE BE PROVIDED ABC. IF DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES OTHERWISE, WE WOULD OF NECESSITY HAVE TO COORDINATE PROPOSED ANSWERS WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE. WE HAVE NO DOUBT WHAT ITS REACTION WIL BE, I.E., SAY NOTHING THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE ITALIAN OIL RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS. AND, AS DEPARTMENT WILL PERCEIVE, FACTUAL ANSWERS TO VIRTUALLY ANY OF THE ABC QUESTIONS WOULD DO JUST THAT.

2. REQUEST DEPT REVIEW WITH DEFENSE REPLY TO REFERENCED MESSAGE WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE HANDLED SOLELY IN MILITARY CHANNELS.

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